GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:4
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005
ATTACHMENT OF ALL JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of coordination and efficiency in execution of various works pertaining to rural development schemes in villages adjacent to forests;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to attach all the Joint Forest Management Committees under the National Afforestation Programme with forest development agency;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which attention is likely to be paid towards it?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), AND (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 4 TO BE REPLIED ON 25.07.2005 ON ATTACHMENT OF ALL JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

(a) No such case has come to the notice of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Schemes relating to rural development are being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development mainly through the Panchayati Raj Institutions. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) through decentralized setup of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest division level, and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. In order to seek greater participation of the villagers, there is a provision for Entry Point Activity in NAP whereunder community assets as prioritised by the local villagers are created.

(b), (c), (d) and (e) Assistance is provided under NAP for selected JFMCs to undertake afforestation activity within the available budget. However, there is also a provision under NAP to provide assistance for constitution of JFMCs in all other forest fringe villages in the jurisdiction of the FDA.